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Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its second session

Draft report

Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development of the Commission on Sustainable Development met in New York from 26 February to 2 March 2001, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1999/280 of 29 July 1999. The Group held ____ meetings (1st-___ meetings) and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Co-Chairperson of the Group of Experts.

3. The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

4. Ms. Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl of Austria, Co-Chairperson of the Group of Experts, introduced the draft negotiating text that had been submitted by the Co-Chairpersons (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/L.1).

B. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February, the Group of Experts adopted its provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.17/ESD/2001/1 and approved its organization of work contained in document E/CN.17/ESD/2001/Add.1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

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2. Consideration of the key issues of energy for sustainable development, with due consideration given for each issue to the means of implementation: capacity-building, technology transfer and financial resources:

   (a) Accessibility of energy;

   (b) Energy efficiency;

   (c) Renewable energy;

   (d) Advanced fossil fuel technologies;

   (e) Nuclear energy technologies;

   (f) Rural energy;

   (g) Energy-related issues in transportation.

3. Regional initiatives and endeavours.

4. Learning from each other: success stories in the promotion of energy for sustainable development.

5. Enhancing international cooperation for energy for sustainable development.

6. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its second session.

C. Attendance

6. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies as well as observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended.

D. Documentation

7. The Group of Experts had before it the following documents:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General on energy and sustainable development: options and strategies for action on key issues (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/2);

   (b) Letter dated 16 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/7);

   (c) Letter dated 31 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations and Chairman of the Pacific Islands Forum countries represented at the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/9);

   (d) Letter dated 29 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/10 and Corr.1);

(e) Letter dated 2 February 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations and Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2001/11);

(f) Extract from the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (E/2001/L.1);

(g) Background document, Energy and sustainable development: case studies (DESA/DSD/2001/4).